

SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

Applicants wish to thank Examiners Gwartney and Hendricks for the courteous telephone interview extended to Applicants' representatives that was initiated by Applicant and conducted on September 10, 2009.

Attendees, Date and Type of Interview

The telephone interview was conducted on September 10, 2009 and attended by Elizabeth Gwartney, Keith Hendricks, Ned Israelsen, and William Noon.

Exhibits and/or Demonstrations

None

Identification of Claims Discussed

Claims 1, 4, 5, 10, 12, and 13.

Identification of Prior Art Discussed

Li (WO 00/19837)

Proposed Amendments

Amendments relating to the composition and glass transition temperature of the lactic acid polymer.

Principal Arguments and Other Matters

Li teaches away from the proposed claim amendments.

Results of Interview

Examiners agreed to review the proposed amendments when received in the next response and contact the Applicant, if necessary, to further discuss the amendments.

PTOL-413 Interview Summary

Applicants respectfully disagree with certain characterizations in the Examiner's Interview Summary. While most of the discussion in the interview summary is moot in light of the current amendments, it is apparent that there was some misunderstanding of Applicants'

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proposals and positions. Applicants did not propose amending the claims to say "at least 58° C" but rather would have changed the claimed range of glass transition temperature from 55-80° C to 58-80° C. Similarly, no criticality for purposes of patentability was ascribed to "consisting essentially of;" rather, its intent was simply to distance the claim from the prior art. For all of these reasons, Applicants do not accede to the conclusions and characterizations of those points in the PTOL-413 Interview Summary. Applicants also reserve the right in the future to introduce additional claims directed to the scope discussed herein.